



I feel the cool breath of the evening night,
Sweet with the scent of meadows and new hay,
And suddenly as falling of the light.
Still in the west an arc of purple fire,
Crowned like an arch'd mountain brow
Fires with thin sprays of palest red and gold!
And the stars, like diamonds, are scattered,
The point of one large star keeps still and cold.
The fire lies in the arms of night, we see
No longer marks the line of life or death,
The shadows are stable and the flames slow,
But over all a clear security—
Hear the tempest, full through which is seen
A world transformed to infant's gaze
Of darling loveliness, cool, dim, serene—
—Harp's Month in October.

A PRAIRIE FIRE.

A few hours had passed along in the midst of a prairie fire. It seemed very lonely to my wife and I. How we wished that we could have someone to talk to. She said, "I think the house is safe." Still, we were never so near the fire.

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NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

WESTERN OREGON.
Eugene City is said to be infested with tamps.

Harvesting is fully under way again, says a Paul country paper, and the grain is found to be considerably damaged. The wheat in shocks is found to be grown on the outside of the shocks. If the wheat were not cut and the heads separated, it would in that manner secure a great deal of merchantable wheat, otherwise, it will all be unusable. The standing grain has grown some in the head, but apparently not had as much in the stalk. A crop of short wheat is said to have stood the rain without injury.

SOUTHERN OREGON.

Imputherford says the Jacksonville Sentinel has again lost its appearance in the valley, but is in a wider form than before.

Tuesday afternoon, while D. Curtis and Ed Pew were on their boat from Coos looking glass to Rosedale their team became frightened and ran away, upsetting the wagon while on the grade a short distance west of Res. R. H. Bell's residence. Mr. Curtis was seriously hurt, lost his hat and coat, and his gun, which was broken just above the wrist and otherwise bruised. Mr. Pew escaped without any serious injury. A calf belonging to Mr. Bell that happened to be in the road was also run over and killed. The wagon was total wreck.

Baker City is infested with borers.

There will be a large number of bridges built throughout Grant county during the fall.

Owing to the early fall rains grain is sprouting and a great quantity will be lost. This is the case in Grant county. So says an exchange.

The body of a man in a perfectly nude condition was found near the railroad depot at Baker City Friday morning. He is supposed to have been insane.

Palouse Times-Mountainer. Reports from the country state that the grass is in fine condition and the stock appearing well. The late snows have not been heavy.

Sunday morning a fire broke out in a wagon shop at the Bell and consumed a blacksmith shop and dwelling adjoining. The blacksmith shop was owned by Held & Taylor, and Mr. Taylor was owner of the dwelling and wagon shop. Local authorities are investigating. The fire is believed to be the work of an incendiary.

Wednesday night at La Grande a man who was slightly intoxicated was garroted and robbed of \$250. This is a fact of what we may expect now that the country is full of dead beats and vagabonds. The sheriff and the constable of being armed with shot and will see that measures are taken to rid the towns and county of that element. So says the Union county Sheriff.

Blackie's again riding among the cattle in Grant county. In the past, a farmer, recently recovered from a sickness, accompanied with one of the sick calves with the following result. He first cut off one of its ears, and, as it would not bleed, he cut off the other. He then took a sharp knife and cut the tendons of the hock joint of the leg, from which there was an aqueous discharge resembling blood and water mixed. The bleeding process proved a failure, and he left dead. As usual, none but the fat animals are attacked, and they quickly escape.

From parties who have recently been over in the Harvey valley, we learn, says the *Grant County News*, that it is surprising how fast that country is settling up. Farmers and others are moving in and looking about, and the population has almost doubled within the year. Business men are looking over the field and several of them contemplate engaging in various enterprises there, while the merchants who are already there are anxious to remain to secure their interests and increase their stock to accommodate their patrons. It is one of the finest tracts of land in Grant county, or, we might say, Eastern Oregon, and much more extensive than is generally supposed by those who have never visited that section.

The following is the assessment of Wasco county:

Owned lands	\$1,297
Value of town property	\$4,420
Value of machinery and implements	466
Money, notes and accounts	711,740
Stocks & &c.	169,100
Cattle, 16,367	334,660
Pigs, 1,400	338,487
Horses, 127	12,257
Total	961,000
Value of all property	\$2,411,407
Liabilities	\$216,940
Reserves	29,700
Total value of property	\$1,571,266
WASHINGON PLATINUM.	\$1,056

At least four black bears are said to be very tame.

The total loss caused by the recent fire at Dayville is \$20,000, insurance \$18,120.

The Seattle *Herald* suspended publication for two days. It is an indolent and wretched paper, and deserves success.

A herd of sheep driven through Oregon to May Bay were driven through Boston and May Bay from the herding ground north of the river to their winter pasture on the Snake river.

Walla Walla Statesman. It is almost certain that if a reward were offered for the apprehension of the bandit, he would return to the city on Monday night or he will within days.

Company I, second infantry, Captain Miller commanding, has been ordered to leave Fort Dearborn for Fox Khanan, relieving Company I, fourteenth infantry, now there, which will be disbanded.

Frank Boel, who stabbed and killed Frank Berthier at Toledo, of days ago, has been arrested. He waived a preliminary examination and has been committed to await trial of the grand jury.

J. W. Morris is a saloon keeper, and Warren Morris, his son, were both arrested at Dayton charged with arson—having started the fire there last Thursday. Their trials were fixed at \$2,000 each.

The steamer Hoyt, owned by Captain Gilmore, has been bought in Portland, of which she is now in the hands of the Hoyts.

Recently the miners on the upper Palouse met and organized a mining district, extending from Priest camp eastward, and including all the tributaries of the Palouse river. This embraces the newly discovered Hoodoo mines, which have been reported as rich.

Mr. Watson C. Square has issued a proclamation calling a general election in this territory for the purpose of electing territorial and county officers, and for voting on the question of taxing cattle. The election will be held on the 1st day of November.

Last year, says the Seattle *Chronicle*, about a dozen steamers submitted to inspection in this port, which is the point of inspection for all vessels in his district, which extends from Steilacoom to the Columbia river. The examination will be strict. It is expected that the number that will be inspected here this year will exceed 100.

The republicans of Franklin county nominate the following ticket: Auditor, W. W. Wallace; Sheriff, C. B. Bell; treasurer, A. R. Leeper; probate judge, J. Van Gorder; assessor, Henry Gantner; coroner, W. F. Smith; county commissioners, W. P. Gray, John Scarff, and C. M. S.

Spokane Falls Chronicle. Major Waters went after the parties who are selling him to Oregon last Friday night, and succeeded, after watching several hours in overhauling a discharged soldier named Noland and handing him in the lockup. He was examined by Justice Wood on Saturday morning, and \$3000 bail was taken to the county jail at Cheney.

Last Saturday, says a Walla Walla paper, a man hired a horse from a livery stable on the pretense that he wanted to ride only a short distance, and was soon found to be a regular horse thief, and was apprehended. In the course of the case this Thursday morning he received a telegram from J. C. McGinnis, deputy sheriff of Clallam county, stating that he had caught the man in his horse.

The republican convention of Jefferson county has made the following nominations: Auditor, James Seaver, sheriff, A. Waymouth, treasurer, Frank A. Bradburn, superintendent of schools, R. H. Allen, commissioners, D. A. Aldridge, A. A. Johnson, and E. Peabody, probate judge, J. H. Van Bokkelen, surveyor, N. J. H. Fort, coroner, J. S. Wyckoff, wardenmaker, F. Bowers.

J. C. Shepherd, the city assessor of Tacoma, has just completed the assessment roll for this year, and the total value of real estate in the city is valued at \$1,464,100. The personal property, consisting of houses, etc., are valued at \$21,500, and the personal property at \$701,620. Total value of property in the city, \$2,671,220.

This amount will be slightly changed by the incorporation of the city, the city will be taxed for a sum less than the present, this is a good showing, and indicates a large gain over 1880.

Governor Newell has been assigned as U. S. Indian Inspector to the Fifth division, which in-

cludes the Pacific coast country, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and the Dakotas, except the Black Hills.

Among those not mentioned in former reports, and entered immediately upon his tour of inspection, visiting the Washington agencies first, and the remainder in regular order until the circuit is completed. The division is considered to be well established. The latest inspection resides in Colorado. No one has hitherto been located upon this coast.

A correspondent writing from Centralia to the *Oregonian Transcriber* says: In your last week's paper you will find an article included in the column "Life of Mr. C. B. Bell," in which it is stated that he made a great mistake. They assert he was captain of the mob who murdered Joe Smith in Carthage, Illinois. This entire wrong was caused by George Beldow, law president of the association which is the nextest word in his line ever seen before. A line of dried fruit from W. H. Abrams' or upstate fruit driers, and some sparkling cider from the same, will be exhibited, with a variety of special attention, which will be the line of developing which may be one of the leading resources of the Willamette valley.

For perfection in workmanship we mention a fine cabinet, made by Mr. Walker—just the article for pictorial specimens.

A grain separator, fanning mill and elevator, combined, manufactured in Salem but exhibited by H. V. Fuller of Eugene, is worthy of favor able mention.

RANTS.

In the trials of sheep yesterday, the first was a running race one-mile dist., race for horses raised in Lane county, first money \$50, second \$25.

Following were the entries: Jeff later, named C. Burn, J. B. Keeny, named Unipre, M. M. Gilligan, named Middle G, and J. Ross, named Nell. Colburn won, Unipre second. Time 2:02.

Today was a trotting match, one mile in harness, first money \$25, second \$25.

The following entries were made: Roscoe Knox, named Ingoldsby, J. Lambeth, named Fan, Amos Wilkins, named Fann, and W. H. Abram, named Ingoldsby, Fann, second. Time 1:59.

The third contest was a 400 yards dash, race for all entries. C. H. Zumwalt named J. Z. L. Kenepp, named Plowboy, M. M. Gillespie named McGe, and E. C. Cowen named Parks. Parks won in 25 seconds, with Plowboy a good second. First money \$25, second \$15.

WEEKEND.

Permit me to call your attention to the most interesting feature of the exhibition, which is the new system of conducting the business end commercial, so to speak, of the fair. We have adopted a new method of doing business, and it is a great pleasure to me to be able to do so.

The system is as follows: First, we have a large number of dealers who come to the fair, and make preparations for working their quartz this coming winter. About 100 claimants and thirty which will winter there. Out of the number of claimants, those who were there last year have given us a list of what they have.

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